

To: FCC

From: Robert Silva, Technology Director for Hermiston School District in Hermiston, Oregon

Re: USAC recommendation to set funding threshold at 81% - CC Docket No. 02-6

The Hermiston School District disagrees with the USAC recommendation to set the FY2010 Priority Two funding threshold at 81% and we respectfully request the FCC to reject their recommendation until sufficient time has passed to make a proper determination that funding will not exist to fund the 80% discount level.

We are also in agreement with the Funds for Learning petition that if it is within the FCC's authority to direct USAC to use the carry-over in the current funding year, then it is in the public's best interest for the FCC to do so. Hermiston School District could not afford to wait for funding in order to continue its core mission of educating and preparing students with 21st century skills. This simply cannot be done with 20th century tools. We are relying on the Erate funding to reward our investment in students and education which is in the spirit of the programs origins.

Thank you for your consideration,

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